## Knapp, Michael

**From:** Gutro, Doug

Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 8:43 AM

**To:** Dunn, Alexandra

**Cc:** Moraff, Kenneth; Szaro, Deb **Subject:** Re: draft TPs for HQ visit

Ok

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 7, 2018, at 8:00 AM, Dunn, Alexandra < <a href="mailto:dunn.alexandra@epa.gov">dunn.alexandra@epa.gov</a>> wrote:

We need to draft a letter back to governor Sununu. Want it to go out by Friday. Who can draft

Sent from my iPhone

Alexandra Dapolito Dunn, J.D., Regional Administrator

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On Feb 7, 2018, at 7:56 AM, Moraff, Kenneth < Moraff. Ken@epa.gov > wrote:

Update to wastewater talking points reflecting yesterday's meeting. OK with these?

Ken

## Wastewater

- Thank you for your recent letter on Clean Water Act permits for Great Bay municipalities.
- As you know, the leaders of EPA's Office of Water and of our New England regional office met with a group of communities last Tuesday. Bob Scott [DES Commissioner] participated in that meeting, along with Mac Zellum from your office. I understand that discussion was productive and that the group agreed to followup discussions to make sure we are all sharing the latest scientific information about Great Bay.
- EPA committed to engage the communities in the permitting process, and to let them know well in advance when we are nearing issuance of any draft or final permits. We understand that permitting decisions have important consequences for communities and we don't want to surprise anyone.
- We will continue to closely coordinate with NH DES on these issues. We really
  value DES's engagement and we believe it's important that we continue to work
  together on these permits.

From: Moraff, Kenneth

Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2018 11:21 AM

To: Dunn, Alexandra <<u>dunn.alexandra@epa.gov</u>>; Szaro, Deb <<u>Szaro.Deb@epa.gov</u>>

Subject: RE: draft TPs for HQ visit

Thanks – sent them down.

Ken

From: Dunn, Alexandra

Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2018 11:14 AM

To: Szaro, Deb <<u>Szaro.Deb@epa.gov</u>>; Moraff, Kenneth <<u>Moraff.Ken@epa.gov</u>>

Subject: RE: draft TPs for HQ visit

Yes, good. Also FYI Governor Sununu asked me to come meet with him on Feb. 23.

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From: Szaro, Deb

Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 11:10 AM

To: Moraff, Kenneth < Moraff.Ken@epa.gov >; Dunn, Alexandra

<<u>dunn.alexandra@epa.gov</u>> **Subject:** RE: draft TPs for HQ visit

They look good to me. Alex?

From: Moraff, Kenneth

Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2018 10:14 AM

To: Dunn, Alexandra < dunn.alexandra@epa.gov >; Szaro, Deb < Szaro.Deb@epa.gov >

**Subject:** draft TPs for HQ visit

Draft TPs for HQ visit next week. OK to send to OW? Will work with OW on the other issues.

Ken

## MS4 permitting

- EPA worked closely with NH DES in the development of the NH municipal stormwater ("MS4") permit. We appreciate DES's engagement and support.
- We know NH communities are concerned about the investments needed to reduce stormwater pollution. Together with DES, we conducted numerous meetings with communities to hear their concerns, and made many changes to the permit in response to their comments.

- We looked for places to add flexibility to the permit to allow local decisionmaking about stormwater management. We also included lengthy schedules to allow communities time to plan and implement stormwater management practices.
- The permit has been appealed, and we are beginning a mediation process to see if we can reach an agreement that satisfies everyone's concerns. We will continue to listen carefully to the issues raised by NH communities. I hope we can find a way forward that will protect New Hampshire's waters and will also be workable for the communities that need to implement the permit.
- I know that a group of NH communities has asked EPA to delay the effective date of the permit. Our Office of General Counsel and Office of Water are working with Region 1 to evaluate that request.

## Wastewater [update if needed after today's meeting]

- Thank you for your recent letter on Clean Water Act permits for Great Bay municipalities.
- As you know, the leaders of EPA's Office of Water and of our New England regional office met with a group of communities last week. We are committed to continue to work with the communities as we execute our permitting responsibilities.
- We have been closely coordinating with NH DES on these permits and the DES commissioner was at last week's meeting. We really value DES's engagement and we believe it's very important that we continue to work together on these permits.

From: Campbell, Ann

Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2018 8:20 AM

**To:** Sawyers, Andrew < Sawyers.Andrew@epa.gov >; Moraff, Kenneth < Moraff.Ken@epa.gov >; Goodin, John < Goodin.John@epa.gov > Cc: Tiago, Joseph < Tiago.Joseph@epa.gov >; Crawford, Tiffany

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**Subject:** ACTION: TPs needed

The Administrator will be making the visits next week in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. We've been asked to provide talking points for the following:

- New Hampshire 2/13- Meeting with Governor Sununu (MS4 Permitting, wastewater NPDES, WOTUS)
- Massachusetts 2/14- Northfield Mountain Hyrdo Facility with Commissioner Chatterjee (hydro water permitting issues)

Please send the TPs to me NLT 10a Thursday. Ken, Dave would like Alex looped in as well please. John, I think I'm good on WOTUS but sending this to you for awareness.

Thanks everyone.